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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall ranged steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was generally light to moderate with most refilling from the holiday as well as preparing for first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared with smaller sizes in the best position. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair. Breast items were at least adequate, and wings were adequate to ample. Dark meat was sufficient to short and moving best. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 05/29/06 was 64.06 compared to 61.27 a week earlier, and 71.69 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 68.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.50 cents last year on June 1, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	143.50
BREASTS - B/S	135.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	83.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to moderate with hopes that upcoming first of the month will strengthen buyer interest. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to moderate. Availability was not as tight as last week prior to the holiday, but was in balance to well cleared. Breast items were close balanced to at times more available, wings were readily available, and dark meat was sufficient to barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate for mid-week business. Offerings of all sizes were usually balanced, with lighter sizes well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was mostly steady to full steady with lighter sizes in the best position. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate, leg quarters were usually about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings and tenderloins were generally adequate to fully adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, occasionally firm. Trade inquiry was limited on light to moderate offerings. Fill-in trade into the Chicago area on 3 up wogs noted at 52 cents. Retail and food service draw was light to moderate. Floor stocks were mostly in balance; weights desirable. Parts trade interest was measured and light overall. Supplies of dark meat parts were tight to short; breast cuts more available with some discounting noted; and wings and tenderloins were plentiful. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark bone-in and boneless cuts, barely steady to weak on wings, barely steady on tenders and mostly steady on breast cuts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were in fair balance with smaller sized product in the best position. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks generally adequate to cover current needs.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 27, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 27, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 27, 2006 were 3.67 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 05/27/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,332	215,660		-01
CHICKS PLACED	173,594	178,099		-03

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Jul-06 is estimated at 159.3 million head. This compares to 159.7 million head the previous week and to 166.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.27 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	638	120.00-175.00	130-135	133.55
TENDERLOINS	168	93.00-167.00	100-105	100.33
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	148	36.00-44.00	38-40	38.86
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	25.00-31.00	28-29	28.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	788	25.00-32.00	30	29.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	60.00-75.00	62-66	65.76
WINGS (CUT)	285	80.00-96.00	85-92	89.16
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 31, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.50 - 50.00	47.11	47.09

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was about fair for mid-week business. However, offerings were also irregular and usually reported as in a fairly balanced position. Supplies of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs, leg quarters were adequate to clearing, and wings were usually fully adequate for trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair to moderate. The market tone was noted as leveling and reported as generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	124.39	653,760
TENDERLOINS	100	97.67	202,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	79.58	95,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	70.25	72,000
LEGS	40-41	40.77	158,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.74	217,880
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	36.58	137,453
THIGHS	28-29	37.55	121,152
B/S THIGHS	83-84	80.90	112,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	67.93	192,030
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.55	20,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	23.56	17,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.48	16,120

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	4,137	4,195 (A)	5.16	4,052	5.40
Arkansas	5,400	5,414 (A)	5.12	5,299	5.33
Delmarva	2,325	2,301 Holiday	5.86	2,260	5.88
KY-LA-TN	2,302	2,313 (A)	4.85	2,270	5.31
Mississippi	2,935	3,027 (A)	5.63	2,859	5.87
North Carolina	2,589	2,573 (A)	6.86	2,523	6.98
Texas	2,493	2,482 Holiday	5.12	2,560	5.35
Total	22,181	22,305	5.28	21,823	5.67
Mon-Wed	50,948 (A)			65,612(A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-May-06 is estimated to be 33,185,000 head up 1.33 percent from a week ago and up 2.65 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,748,000, last year 32,327,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108-114
	ICE PACK 89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 111-118
	ICE PACK 100
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 102-109
	ICE PACK 88-102
DUCKS	185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jun-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	06/03/06 (1)	05/27/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	148,585 (2)	175,047
Light hens	840	1,153
Heavy hens	1,271	1,568
Total	150,696	177,768

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jun-06 is 163.1 million head compared to 149.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.9 million head or 14.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jun-06 the estimated available is 165.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 05/29/06	95,847	65,966
AM 05/01/06	75,818	75,982
CHG	20,029	-10,016
PCT CHG	26	-13

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	05/29/06	05/22/06	05/30/05	05/29/06	05/06	05/30/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	480	413	4,166	7,528	7,318	6,167
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	108	54	101	3,001	2,931	3,530

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 29, 2006

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 72-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES****FOR 05/30/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	<b>LOW HIGH AVG</b>			<b>LOW HIGH AVG</b>		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	65	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	4.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	75	90
ROOSTERS lb.	-	85	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	2.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.20	.97	RABBITS ea.	-	.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	2.75
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	56					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 26 2006

	<b>Whole Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>Legs W/ Thighs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs &amp; Wings</b>	<b>Livers/ Gizzards</b>	<b>Hens</b>
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	58.29	154.90	97.83	16.31	4.08	73.38
High	74.60	158.98	101.91	20.38	8.15	73.38
Mostly	74.60	154.90	101.91	16.31	4.08	73.38
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	61.15	150.83	97.83	16.31	4.08	73.38
High	75.41	154.90	101.91	20.38	4.08	73.38
Mostly	75.41	150.83	97.83	16.31	4.08	73.38
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	57.07	154.90	97.83	20.38	4.08	73.38
High	74.19	158.98	101.91	24.46	8.15	73.38
Mostly	74.19	154.90	101.91	20.38	8.15	73.38
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	59.92	158.98	105.99	20.38	8.15	77.45
High	75.41	163.06	110.06	24.46	8.15	77.45
Mostly	75.41	163.06	105.99	20.38	8.15	77.45

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for both post-holiday fill-in and first of the month needs. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 57 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were fully adequate to ample. Other cuts were in generally good balance to well cleared.

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 05/27/2006 WAS 12,017,035 @ 5.77 LBS.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	46-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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